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**From:** Rampone, Emily (Sanders) [Emily\_Rampone@sanders.senate.gov]  
**Sent:** 9/23/2015 7:45:15 PM  
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**Subject:** RE: Clean Energy Incentive Program interest, specific questions from Sam Alexander, intern for Senator Bernard Sanders

Rudy,

Thank you for your reply. We really appreciate all your work finding responses to these questions for our office! I will review these responses and reach out if we have additional questions.

Best,  
Emily

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**From:** Brown, Rudy [mailto:Brown.Rudy@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 23, 2015 3:40 PM  
**To:** Rampone, Emily (Sanders)  
**Cc:** Pero, Haley (Sanders); Lewis, Josh; Grogan-McCulloch, Lisa; Grantham, Nancy  
**Subject:** Clean Energy Incentive Program interest, specific questions from Sam Alexander, intern for Senator Bernard Sanders

Emily,

The EPA Regional and DC offices have worked together to address the specific questions posed by Sam regarding the Clean Energy Incentive Program. Answers the questions are below. If other questions arise please contact me. Also, if you feel a call would be useful after reviewing the questions and answers, please let me know and I will be glad to work with you to facilitate a call.

Again, please contact me as issues arise. Have a great day.

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(Inquiry from Sam Alexander, intern for Senator Bernard Sanders)

Interested in more information on the Clean Energy Incentive Program, specifically:

- What the amounts/percentages for renewable energy will be and will it follow the production tax credit and investment tax credit?

The EPA intends to reserve a portion of 300 million matching allowances in the CEIP to incentivize investment in renewable energy projects, and a portion to incentivize investment in energy efficiency projects implemented in low-income communities. We are taking comment on the relative portion of the reserve for renewable energy projects (wind and solar) and the reserve for energy efficiency projects that benefit low-income communities in the federal plan model rule proposal. We will also be engaging with stakeholders in the coming weeks to solicit their feedback in advance of a future action to finalize implementation details of the CEIP.

- Timing for roll-out

A state may choose to opt in to the CEIP as part of its final plan submittal, which could occur as early as September 2016. CEIP-eligible renewable energy projects may commence construction, and CEIP-eligible energy efficiency projects may commence operations, following submittal of a final state plan to the EPA that includes requirements for CEIP participation. Eligible projects may earn early actions allowances or ERCs from a state, and may be eligible for matching

allowances or ERCs from the EPA, on the basis of the MWh they generate (in the case of RE) or save (in the case of EE) in 2020 and/or 2021.

- Will energy efficiency projects be eligible for the matching or is that limited to renewable energy projects? Renewable energy projects (wind and solar), as well as energy efficiency projects that benefit low-income communities are eligible to receive matching allowances or ERCs through the CEIP. The match is larger for low-income EE projects in order to provide an extra incentive to develop these projects, which have historically been limited by economic barriers.